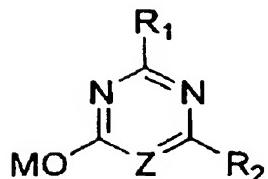


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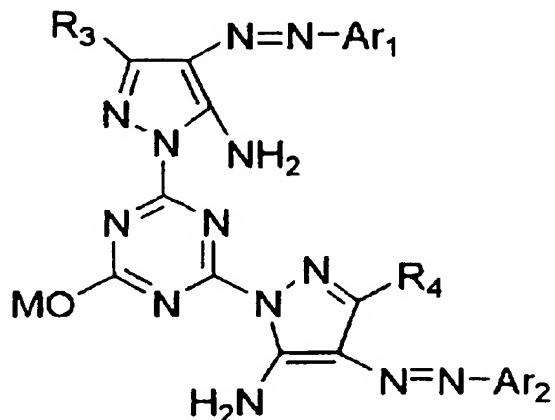
1. A dye represented by formula (1):



5 wherein R<sub>1</sub> and R<sub>2</sub> each independently represents a monovalent group, Z represents a nitrogen atom or a carbon atom to which a hydrogen atom or a monovalent group is bonded, and M represents a hydrogen atom or a cation,

10 provided that the dye has two azo groups.

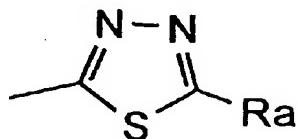
2. The dye according to claim 1, wherein the dye represented by formula (1) is a dye represented by formula (2):



wherein  $R_3$  and  $R_4$  each independently represents a monovalent group,  $Ar_1$  and  $Ar_2$  each independently represents an aryl group or a hetero ring group, and  $M$  represents a hydrogen atom or a cation.

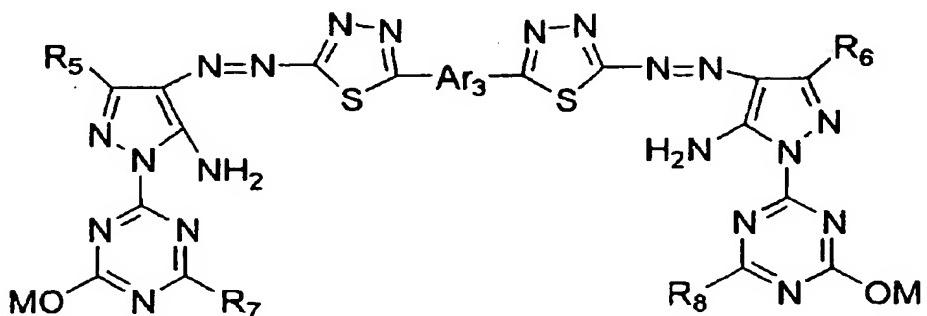
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3. The dye according to claim 2, wherein  $Ar_1$  and  $Ar_2$  each independently represents a group represented by formula (A):



10 wherein  $Ra$  represents a monovalent group.

4. The dye according to claim 1, wherein the dye represented by formula (1) is a dye represented by formula (3):

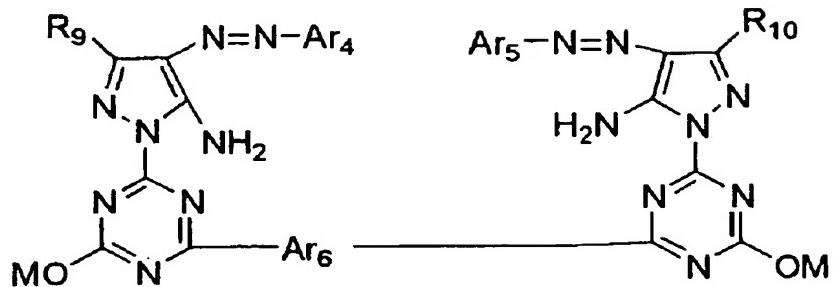


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wherein  $R_5$ ,  $R_6$ ,  $R_7$  and  $R_8$  each independently represents a monovalent group,  $Ar_3$  represents a divalent

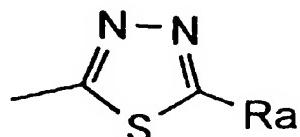
linking group, M represents a hydrogen atom or a cation.

5. The dye according to claim 1, wherein the dye represented by formula (1) is a dye represented by  
5 formula (4):



wherein  $\text{R}_9$  and  $\text{R}_{10}$  each independently represents a monovalent group,  $\text{Ar}_4$  and  $\text{Ar}_5$  each independently represents an aryl group or a hetero ring group,  $\text{Ar}_6$  represents a divalent linking group, and M represents a hydrogen atom or a cation.  
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6. The dye according to claim 5, wherein  $\text{Ar}_3$  and  $\text{Ar}_4$  each independently represents a group represented by  
15 formula (A):



wherein  $\text{Ra}$  represents a monovalent group.

7. An ink comprising a dye according to any one of claims 1 to 6.

8. An inkjet recording method comprising forming  
5 an image by using an ink according to claim 7.

9. An ink sheet comprising a dye according to any one of claims 1 to 6.

10 10. A color toner comprising a dye according to any one of claims 1 to 6.

11. A color filter comprising a dye according to any one of claims 1 to 6.

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